

Governance Committee
Minutes
January 19, 2006

Present

Suzanne Gries (Committee Chair), David Kludt (MHD), Patty McDonald (ADSA), Sara McQueed, Mark Harniss (UAP)

Staff

Ed Holen, Linda Walling

Adjustments to the Agenda

There were none.

Attendance Policy

Ed presented the proposed changes to the Attendance Policy that the Membership Committee made. The Committee reviewed the changes and made recommendations for changes/corrections. They would like some clarification from the Membership Committee regarding agency representation.

Ed will redraft and receive input from the Membership Committee and bring to the March meeting.

Designated State Agency

Ed reminded the Committee that Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) is currently the Council's designated state agency. Currently the cost of indirect services that CTED is charging is considerable. Ed reviewed the discussion with the Governor about the Council becoming its own small agency, becoming a non-profit or looking at another state agency.

He shared that the Governor was not open to the idea of the Council becoming its own agency. Ed has not been able to look into the Council becoming a non-profit or investigating another state agency.

Ed stated the DD Endowment Governing Board has discussed creating some kind of non-profit arm or foundation so that they can raise dollars from the private sector.

Policy 405 & Policy 403

The Committee reviewed and discussed both the policies. Ed noted the addition of the sentence at the end of policy 405. He also pointed out that the language in policy 403 is directly out of the member handbook, so they are now the same.

Motion: To move both policies to the full Council for approval. Sara moved and Patty seconded.

Stipends for Council members

Ed reminded the Committee that the federal law gives council's the option to pay a stipend for any official duty of the council. In order for a Council member to receive a stipend they must be unemployed or be on leave without pay, based on Council policy.

The governor's office currently has different classifications. The Council is in a classification that receives reimbursement. The DD Endowment Governing Board is in a classification that receives stipends. One implication of making this change is to change the classification of the Council.

The Committee discussed that the stipend would be considered income and may have an impact on the individual receiving it. Ed stated that only a handful of Councils pay stipends.

Patty will ask financial services in her agency if receiving a stipend could affect any services someone is receiving.

Ed will review and bring back to the March meeting.

March Meeting

Council meeting attendance policy
Stipend policy
Ed's evaluation process

Report to the Council

Recommend Policies 403 and 405 for approval.

With that the meeting was adjourned.